

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain in this application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.  
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☒ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☐ - a Replacement Sheet for Figure      of the drawings
- ☐ - a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- ☐ - a terminal disclaimer
- ☐ - a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
- ☐ - a verified English translation of foreign priority document

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A secure electronic entity (11), adapted to store at least one object, includes a unit (18) for measuring the passage of time as from a reference date (Dref) associated with the object. It includes a unit (19) for storing a life span (V) assigned to the object co-operating with the time measuring unit (18) so as to compare the time elapsed and the life span (V). It further includes an updating and invalidating unit (21), to update the object life span or to temporarily or permanently disable the object if the comparison shows that the time elapsed exceeds the life span (V). The invention is in particular applicable to smart cards.